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Maine Recycles Week 2005

Maine Recycles Week – We're All in the Business Together

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We observe Maine Recycles Week only one week a year, November 8 through November 15. While MRW celebrates our successes in recycling in each community, it is also the opportunity to ask for a recommitment from each of us to recycle and to buy goods made from recycled materials. But this week does not just focus on community efforts in recycling; it also encourages businesses in Maine to do their part as well.

Many businesses in Maine do recycle: corrugated cardboard, office paper, newsprint, plastic shrink wrap, and other discarded items. We appreciate and thank you for your efforts. Many of the activities related to Maine Recycles Week are made possible through the generosity of businesses, providing time, funding or by serving as examples of successful programs. The support of Maine businesses to recycling and buying goods and products made from recyclables is outstanding. From the larger stores to smaller businesses, from manufacturers to assemblers, Maine businesses recycle at an amazing pace. Many municipal recycling programs are able to benefit from the delivery of recyclables from businesses that aid in supporting the success of the local program.

Recycling is part of being a business - - and is an important part to communities, as well as being a valuable industry of its own. In those municipalities that furnish their own recycling programs, careful attention is paid to the effectiveness and efficiency of their operations. Likewise, recycling efforts within businesses are carefully measured and implemented. Together, businesses and municipalities can achieve significant strides in improved management of solid waste, while generating 'raw' materials that are in demand by the manufacturing sector.

Let's use Maine Recycles Week to also recognize everyone's recycling efforts and to celebrate our success. While the schools and children may capture much of the attention of Maine Recycles Week 2005, we should not forget that recycling is the responsibility of everyone. For more information on Maine Recycles Week 2005, or recycling in general, please visit the web site of the Recycling and Waste Management Program of the State Planning Office - www.recyclemaine.com.

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